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**Committee Bill No. 198**

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Referred to Committee on Higher Education and Employment  
Advancement

Introduced by:  
(HED)

**AN ACT PROVIDING FREE TUITION AT PUBLIC COLLEGES AND  
UNIVERSITIES FOR CHILDREN AND SPOUSES OF MILITARY  
PERSONNEL KILLED IN ACTION.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General  
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (d) of section 10a-77 of the general statutes, as  
2 amended by section 22 of public act 03-19, is repealed and the  
3 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

4 (d) Said board of trustees shall waive the payment of tuition at any  
5 of the regional community-technical colleges (1) for any dependent  
6 child of a person whom the armed forces of the United States has  
7 declared to be missing in action or to have been a prisoner of war  
8 while serving in such armed forces after January 1, 1960, which child  
9 has been accepted for admission to such institution and is a resident of  
10 Connecticut at the time such child is accepted for admission to such  
11 institution, (2) for any dependent child or spouse of any person who  
12 served in the armed forces in time of war, as defined by subsection (a)  
13 of section 27-103, as amended by this act, and who was killed in action  
14 or who died as a result of accident or illness sustained while

15 performing active military duty with the armed forces of the United  
16 States, which child or spouse has been accepted for admission to such  
17 institution and is a resident of Connecticut at the time such child or  
18 spouse is accepted for admission to such institution, (3) for any veteran  
19 having served in time of war, as defined in subsection (a) of section 27-  
20 103, as amended by this act, or who served in either a combat or  
21 combat support role in the invasion of Grenada, October 25, 1983, to  
22 December 15, 1983, the invasion of Panama, December 20, 1989, to  
23 January 31, 1990, or the peace-keeping mission in Lebanon, September  
24 29, 1982, to March 30, 1984, who has been accepted for admission to  
25 such institution and is a resident of Connecticut at the time such  
26 veteran is accepted for admission to such institution, [(3)] (4) for any  
27 resident of Connecticut sixty-two years of age or older, provided, at  
28 the end of the regular registration period, there are enrolled in the  
29 course a sufficient number of students other than those persons  
30 eligible for waivers pursuant to this subdivision to offer the course in  
31 which such person intends to enroll and there is space available in  
32 such course after accommodating all such students, [(4)] (5) for any  
33 student attending the Connecticut State Police Academy who is  
34 enrolled in a law enforcement program at said academy offered in  
35 coordination with a regional community-technical college which  
36 accredits courses taken in such program, [(5)] (6) for any active  
37 member of the Connecticut Army or Air National Guard who (A) is a  
38 resident of Connecticut, (B) has been certified by the Adjutant General  
39 or such Adjutant General's designee as a member in good standing of  
40 the guard, and (C) is enrolled or accepted for admission to such  
41 institution on a full-time or part-time basis in an undergraduate  
42 degree-granting program, [(6)] (7) for any dependent child of a (A)  
43 police officer, as defined in section 7-294a, or supernumerary or  
44 auxiliary police officer, (B) firefighter, as defined in section 7-323j, or  
45 member of a volunteer fire company, (C) municipal employee, or (D)  
46 state employee, as defined in section 5-154, killed in the line of duty,  
47 and [(7)] (8) for any resident of the state who is a dependent child or  
48 surviving spouse of a specified terrorist victim who was a resident of

49 this state. If any person who receives a tuition waiver in accordance  
50 with the provisions of this subsection also receives educational  
51 reimbursement from an employer, such waiver shall be reduced by the  
52 amount of such educational reimbursement. Veterans described in  
53 subdivision [(2)] (3) of this subsection and members of the National  
54 Guard described in subdivision [(5)] (6) of this subsection shall be  
55 given the same status as students not receiving tuition waivers in  
56 registering for courses at regional community-technical colleges.

57 Sec. 2. Subsection (d) of section 10a-99 of the general statutes, as  
58 amended by section 23 of public act 03-19 and section 200 of public act  
59 03-6 of the June 30 special session, is repealed and the following is  
60 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

61 (d) Said board shall waive the payment of tuition fees at the  
62 Connecticut State University system (1) for any dependent child of a  
63 person whom the armed forces of the United States has declared to be  
64 missing in action or to have been a prisoner of war while serving in  
65 such armed forces after January 1, 1960, which child has been accepted  
66 for admission to such institution and is a resident of Connecticut at the  
67 time such child is accepted for admission to such institution, (2) for  
68 any dependent child or spouse of any person who served in the armed  
69 forces in time of war, as defined by subsection (a) of section 27-103, as  
70 amended by this act, and who was killed in action or who died as a  
71 result of accident or illness sustained while performing active military  
72 duty with the armed forces of the United States, which child or spouse  
73 has been accepted for admission to such institution and is a resident of  
74 Connecticut at the time such child or spouse is accepted for admission  
75 to such institution, (3) for any veteran having served in time of war, as  
76 defined in subsection (a) of section 27-103, as amended by this act, or  
77 who served in either a combat or combat support role in the invasion  
78 of Grenada, October 25, 1983, to December 15, 1983, the invasion of  
79 Panama, December 20, 1989, to January 31, 1990, or the peace-keeping  
80 mission in Lebanon, September 29, 1982, to March 30, 1984, who has  
81 been accepted for admission to such institution and is a resident of

82 Connecticut at the time such veteran is accepted for admission to such  
83 institution, [(3)] (4) for any resident of Connecticut sixty-two years of  
84 age or older who has been accepted for admission to such institution,  
85 provided (A) such person is enrolled in a degree-granting program, or  
86 (B) at the end of the regular registration period, there are enrolled in  
87 the course a sufficient number of students other than those persons  
88 eligible for waivers pursuant to this subdivision to offer the course in  
89 which such person intends to enroll and there is space available in  
90 such course after accommodating all such students, [(4)] (5) for any  
91 student attending the Connecticut Police Academy who is enrolled in a  
92 law enforcement program at said academy offered in coordination  
93 with the university which accredits courses taken in such program,  
94 [(5)] (6) for any active member of the Connecticut Army or Air  
95 National Guard who (A) is a resident of Connecticut, (B) has been  
96 certified by the Adjutant General or such Adjutant General's designee  
97 as a member in good standing of the guard, and (C) is enrolled or  
98 accepted for admission to such institution on a full-time or part-time  
99 basis in an undergraduate degree-granting program, [(6)] (7) for any  
100 dependent child of a (A) police officer, as defined in section 7-294a, or  
101 supernumerary or auxiliary police officer, (B) firefighter, as defined in  
102 section 7-323j, or member of a volunteer fire company, (C) municipal  
103 employee, or (D) state employee, as defined in section 5-154, killed in  
104 the line of duty, and [(7)] (8) for any resident of this state who is a  
105 dependent child or surviving spouse of a specified terrorist victim who  
106 was a resident of the state. If any person who receives a tuition waiver  
107 in accordance with the provisions of this subsection also receives  
108 educational reimbursement from an employer, such waiver shall be  
109 reduced by the amount of such educational reimbursement. Veterans  
110 described in subdivision [(2)] (3) of this subsection and members of the  
111 National Guard described in subdivision [(5)] (6) of this subsection  
112 shall be given the same status as students not receiving tuition waivers  
113 in registering for courses at Connecticut state universities.

114 Sec. 3. Subsection (e) of section 10a-105 of the general statutes, as  
115 amended by section 24 of public act 03-19 and section 201 of public act

116 03-6 of the June 30 special session, is repealed and the following is  
117 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

118 (e) Said board of trustees shall waive the payment of tuition fees at  
119 The University of Connecticut (1) for any dependent child of a person  
120 whom the armed forces of the United States has declared to be missing  
121 in action or to have been a prisoner of war while serving in such armed  
122 forces after January 1, 1960, which child has been accepted for  
123 admission to The University of Connecticut and is a resident of  
124 Connecticut at the time such child is accepted for admission to said  
125 institution, (2) for any dependent child or spouse of any person who  
126 served in the armed forces in time of war, as defined by subsection (a)  
127 of section 27-103, as amended by this act, and who was killed in action  
128 or who died as a result of accident or illness sustained while  
129 performing active military duty with the armed forces of the United  
130 States, which child or spouse has been accepted for admission to such  
131 institution and is a resident of Connecticut at the time such child or  
132 spouse is accepted for admission to such institution, (3) for any veteran  
133 having served in time of war, as defined in subsection (a) of section 27-  
134 103, as amended by this act, or who served in either a combat or  
135 combat support role in the invasion of Grenada, October 25, 1983, to  
136 December 15, 1983, the invasion of Panama, December 20, 1989, to  
137 January 31, 1990, or the peace-keeping mission in Lebanon, September  
138 29, 1982, to March 30, 1984, who has been accepted for admission to  
139 said institution and is a resident of Connecticut at the time such  
140 veteran is accepted for admission to said institution, [(3)] (4) for any  
141 resident of Connecticut sixty-two years of age or older who has been  
142 accepted for admission to said institution, provided (A) such person is  
143 enrolled in a degree-granting program, or (B) at the end of the regular  
144 registration period, there are enrolled in the course a sufficient number  
145 of students other than those persons eligible for waivers pursuant to  
146 this subdivision to offer the course in which such person intends to  
147 enroll and there is space available in such course after accommodating  
148 all such students, [(4)] (5) for any active member of the Connecticut  
149 Army or Air National Guard who (A) is a resident of Connecticut, (B)

150 has been certified by the Adjutant General or such Adjutant General's  
151 designee as a member in good standing of the guard, and (C) is  
152 enrolled or accepted for admission to said institution on a full-time or  
153 part-time basis in an undergraduate degree-granting program, [(5)] (6)  
154 for any dependent child of a (A) police officer, as defined in section 7-  
155 294a, or supernumerary or auxiliary police officer, (B) firefighter, as  
156 defined in section 7-323j, or member of a volunteer fire company, (C)  
157 municipal employee, or (D) state employee, as defined in section 5-154,  
158 killed in the line of duty, and [(6)] (7) for any resident of the state who  
159 is the dependent child or surviving spouse of a specified terrorist  
160 victim who was a resident of the state. If any person who receives a  
161 tuition waiver in accordance with the provisions of this subsection also  
162 receives educational reimbursement from an employer, such waiver  
163 shall be reduced by the amount of such educational reimbursement.  
164 Veterans described in subdivision [(2)] (3) of this subsection and  
165 members of the National Guard described in subdivision [(4)] (5) of  
166 this subsection shall be given the same status as students not receiving  
167 tuition waivers in registering for courses at The University of  
168 Connecticut.

169 Sec. 4. Subsection (a) of section 27-103 of the general statutes, as  
170 amended by section 1 of public act 03-85, is repealed and the following  
171 is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2004*):

172 (a) As used in the general statutes, except chapter 504, and except as  
173 otherwise provided: (1) "Armed forces" means the United States Army,  
174 Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and Air Force; (2) "veteran" means  
175 any person honorably discharged from, or released under honorable  
176 conditions from active service in, the armed forces; (3) "service in time  
177 of war" means service of ninety or more days except, if the war,  
178 campaign or other operation lasted less than ninety days, "service in  
179 time of war" means service for the entire duration of the war,  
180 campaign or other operation, unless separated from service earlier  
181 because of a service-connected death or a service-connected disability  
182 rated by the Veterans' Administration, during a "period of war", as

183 defined in 38 USC 101, as amended, except that the "Vietnam Era"  
184 means the period beginning on February 28, 1961, and ending on July  
185 1, 1975, in all cases; and "period of war" shall include service while  
186 engaged in combat or a combat support role in Lebanon, July 1, 1958,  
187 to November 1, 1958, or September 29, 1982, to March 30, 1984;  
188 Grenada, October 25, 1983, to December 15, 1983; Operation Earnest  
189 Will, involving the escort of Kuwaiti oil tankers flying the United  
190 States flag in the Persian Gulf, February 1, 1987, to July 23, 1987; and  
191 Panama, December 20, 1989, to January 31, 1990, and shall include  
192 service during such periods with the armed forces of any government  
193 associated with the United States.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2004</i>

**HED**      *Joint Favorable*